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TAGS: CASC(STOEN, JOHN VICTOR)
SUBJECT: W/W: JOHN VICTOR STOEN, JAN. 25, 1972, U.S.
1. JOHN VICTOR STOEN ALLEGEDLY TAKEN TO GUYANA DURING OCTOBER, 1976 WITH PEOPLES TEMPLE GROUP. HIS MATHER FORMER MEMBER OF GROUP HAS WITHDRAWN HIS PERMISSION FOR JOHN TO REMAIN WITH GROUP. MOTHER HAS OBTAINED LEGAL CUSTODY OF JOHN IN CALIFORNIA COURT DECISION. ATTORNEY IN U.S. FOR JIM JONES REFUSES TO HONOR CUSTODY DECISION OR TO TAKE ANY ACTION TO HAVE CHILD RETURNED TO U.S.
2. JEFFREY A. HAAS, ATTORNEY FOR MOTHER, VISITED DEPARTMENT AUG. 29. HE IS TRAVELLING TO GUYANA AUGUSS 30. EXPECTINGY TO ARRIVE GEORGETOWN APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN AT NIGHT. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT EMBASSY CANNOT INTERVENE IN CUSTODY DECISION AND HE HAS BEEN GIVEN COPY OF GEORGETOWN'S LIST OF ATTORNEYS. HE PLANS CALL AT THE EMBASSY
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MORNING AUGUST 31 TO DISCUSS PEOPLE'S TEMPLE AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS SAFE FOR HIM TO REMAIN IN GEORGETOWN TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE CUSTODY OF CHILD THROUGH COURTS AND TO LEAVE GUYANA WITH THE CHILD. AYI HAAS CLAIMS THAT JONES HAS PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEVERAL "EXECUTIONS" IN THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA.
3. EMBASSY REQUESTED ATTEMPT DETERMINE WHETHER CHILD, JOHN VICTOR STONE, IS IN GUYANA AND TO ASSIST MOTHER'S ATTORNEY AS POSSIBLE. VANCE
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